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Applicants: John O'Connor et al.
Serial No.: 09/311,428 Group Art Unit: 1641
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For : METHODS FOR PREDICTING PREGNANCY OUTCOME IN A
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Sir:

WRITTEN CONSENT OF ASSIGNEE

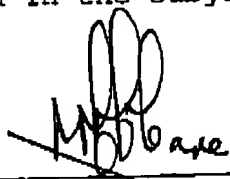
I, Michael J. Cleare, hereby declare that:

1. I understand the currently named inventors of the claimed invention in the subject application are John O'Connor and Steven Birken.
2. John O'Connor and Steven Birken assigned their rights in the subject application to The Trustees of Columbia University in the City of New York ("the Assignee"). The Assignment was recorded on December 1, 1999 in the United States Patent and Trademark Office at reel number 010420, frames 0364-0366.
3. I also understand that the invention described and claimed in the subject application was conceived by John O'Connor, Steven Birken and Galina Kovalevskaya. Therefore, the inventors of the claimed invention in the subject application are: John O'Connor, Steven Birken and Galina Kovalevskaya.
4. I am an official authorized to act on behalf of the Assignee.

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5. The Assignee hereby consents to the addition of Galina Kovalevskaya as an inventor in the subject application.
6. In addition, it is the Assignee's understanding that Galina Kovalevskaya will assign her entire right, title and interest to any and all inventions disclosed and/or claimed in the subject application. Accordingly, the Assignee will still own the entire right, title and interest to any and all inventions disclosed and/or claimed in the subject application.

Dated: 08/20/01



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